GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:437
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RAILWAY STATIONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of the pathetic conditions of most of the railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard;

(c) the details and the present status of proposed Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd.;

(d) the time by which it is likely to become functional;

(e) whether it is also proposed to set up Rail-Road Grade Separation Corporation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Railways maintain their stations in a safe and sound condition at all times. Repairs of stations and other structures are undertaken in a regular manner as also on an emergent basis, wherever required.

Augmentation of station amenities is a continuous process undertaken based on the needs, growth of traffic and availability of resources.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) With an aim to redevelop stations and maintain them in a holistic manner, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC), has been set up as a Joint Venture between Ircon International Ltd (IRCON) and Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), a statutory authority under Ministry of Railways.

The SPV has been incorporated under Companies Act, 1956, on 12.04.2012. Presently, the Corporation is in a nascent stage and would take up station development projects in hand in due course.

(e) Yes, Madam.

(f) Announcement for setting up SPV named Rail-Road Grade Separation Corporation of India has been made recently. At present, it is at planning stage.